



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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June 30 2019
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Pedro Garcia Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s Day Out

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound and hospitals weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office

Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:58-60

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday, June 30, marks the end of my seventh year as your pastor. It has been a grace-filled seven years and I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and celebrating the sacraments with you. You continue to impress me with your spirit of prayerfulness at Mass and your willingness to volunteer for our many parish ministries. Thank you for your devotion to the faith and to our parish community.

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, pastors are appointed to six year terms and then receive one year extensions for a maximum of six more years. So I have completed my initial six year term plus the first of what I hope will be several one year extensions. But ultimately I have to respect and obey the wishes of Bishop Duca if and when he decides that I can best serve the Church elsewhere.

Sunday, June 30, is the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time began on the Monday after Pentecost but the last two Sundays were centered on the Solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi. So this weekend is the first opportunity to return to wearing green vestments and resume our reading of St. Luke's Gospel.

Remember that the first reading for Sunday Mass is taken from the Old Testament and selected to mirror the Gospel reading. The second reading is a semi-continuous reading of one of the New Testament letters and doesn't necessarily match the theme of the other readings. This Sunday and next the second reading is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, and then we will move to his Letter to the Colossians.

We started reading St. Luke's Gospel during Advent, Christmas, and Winter Ordinary Time, and then kind of jumped around during Lent and Easter. Today we resumed a more orderly reading of Luke's Gospel with the passage taken from chapter 9. Each Sunday we will spiritually walk with Jesus and his disciples as he slowly makes his way to Jerusalem. The Liturgical Year ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 24, 2019.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday of this

week in celebration of the July 4th holiday. Daily Mass is also canceled on Thursday morning, July 4. Also, the monthly 12 hour adoration sponsored by our Catholic Daughters is **canceled** this Friday evening due to the holiday. Our 8:00 a.m. first Saturday Mass on July 6 will take place as usual on Saturday morning.

Have a safe and happy Fourth with your family and friends!

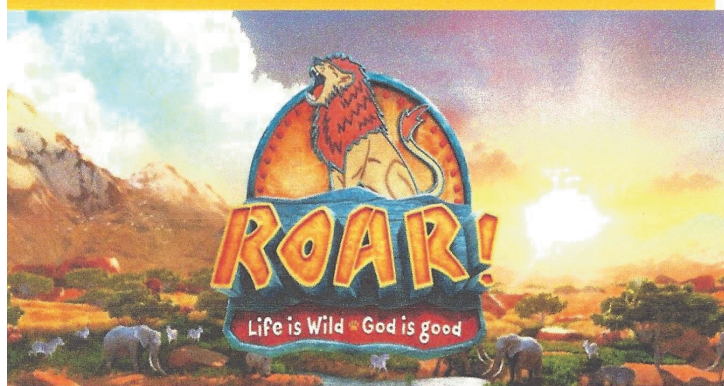
In Christ,
Father Matt



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
IN THE CLEANING AND
REORGANIZING OF THE ACTIVITY
CENTER SUPPLY CLOSET AND
KITCHEN. SPECIAL THANKS TO
YOUTH VOLUNTEER LEXY SMICKER.

VBS 2019

Registration and Volunteer forms are
in the back of Church or online at
www.sjb-brusly.com

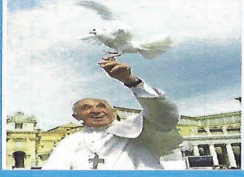


THE ADVENTURE BEGINS—JULY 15 - 19, 2019

**Catechists Needed
for 2019-2020
Please Pray About Becoming
A Catechist**

**THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU.
YOUR ENTHUSIASM.
YOUR CREATIVITY AND
THE JOY THAT IS SO
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.**

POPE FRANCIS




A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus still speaks the invitation “Come, follow Me!” Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an ordained or consecrated person. Call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerick@gmail.com, or visit www.dior.org/vocations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Sunday, July 7, 2019 (7:30 am Mass)
Communion Service for K.C. Members & their families
Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass



THERE WILL BE NO ALL-NIGHT
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAY,
JULY 5th—SATURDAY, JULY 6th DUE TO THE 4th
OF JULY HOLIDAY. THE NEXT ALL-NIGHT
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE ON FRIDAY,
AUG. 2nd AT 8PM—SATURDAY, AUG. 3rd AT 8AM.



Retiring Old Glory

The purpose of making this Flag Box is to collect flags that would have; alternatively, been thrown away. All you have to do is put the flag into the box and on Sunday morning my family and I will pick them up. With the help of my troop, we will retire them respectfully for people who don't have the means to do so. My hope is that people will not end up with flags that they don't know what to do with because there is now a place to put them. The flag collection box is located outside of the Christian Formation Classroom No. 5.

**2nd Annual
West Baton Rouge
Acadian Heritage
Celebration**

PLEASE JOIN US!

Sunday, July 28, 2019
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public!

*All Acadian Descendants Will
Find Something of Interest!*

**Bring An Old Family Photo To
Be Eligible For Special Prizes!**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ACTIVITY CENTER— BRUSLY, LA**



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
6:00 pm—Classroom #5

This seminar is mandatory for parents wishing to baptize their children. Call the Parish Office (749-2189) to get your registration papers.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

<u>June 16, 2019</u>	
206 Identified-	-----\$ 9,898.00
Loose Collection-	----- 1,011.00
TOTAL-	-----\$10,909.00
<u>June 23, 2019</u>	
172 Identified-	----- \$ 5,943.00
Loose Collection-	----- 450.00
TOTAL-	----- \$ 6,393.00
Mission Appeal—	\$5,438.00

Readings for the week of June 30, 2019

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday:	Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever heard that the Gospel is radical? In our times, we hear that word and think of fundamentalists, radical activists, or extremists - people who go beyond limits to achieve their goals and may not consider themselves bound by normal propriety or morality. Their ethos might not be so different from James and John in today's Gospel. "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" This isn't so foreign to some of the stories of the Old Testament. Yet Jesus rebukes them. He won't be exacting in the way his contemporaries expected. There will be no radical rain down of fire and brimstone. Jesus is radical in another way: the call to discipleship.

"The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." These can be difficult passages to read. These are not normal things to hear! It can be easy for many of us to avoid the exacting nature of the Gospel, which might not be what we think it is. James and John wanted to set the bar high for others on the outside and to punish those who didn't meet that standard. Jesus sets the bar high for his disciples, those who say they want to follow him. He may be using some hyperbole, but it's only to send a clear message. This is a radical call, one that has a cost. To truly put God and others first, before ourselves, will involve sacrifice. How is Jesus asking you to be radical today?